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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-15, 18-19, 31-32, 36-46, 49-55 and 57-66 are currently pending in this case, claims 2-3, 16-17, 20-30, 33-35, 47-48 and 56 having been cancelled without prejudice by this paper. Claims 1, 31, 51, 57, 58, 64 and 65 have been amended. Claims 1, 31, 51, 57 and 64 are independent claims.

Drawing objections

In response to the Examiner's objection to FIGS. 12A and 13A, Applicants attach hereto replacement sheets for FIGS. 12A and 13A.

In response to the Examiner's 37 CFR 1.83(a) objection, claims 34 and 56 have been cancelled.

Specification objections

Applicants have amended the specification to correct references to related applications.

The Examiner states that the application improperly incorporates essential material by reference. Applicants respectfully disagree. U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/407,340 is readily viewable on Public PAIR. Additionally, the Examiner has provided no reason why FIGS. 12A-13B and the accompanying description of the present application are inadequate for proper understanding of the invention.

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Claim objections

Claims 58 and 65 have been amended to address the Examiner's objections. No new matter has been added, and the amendments to Claims 58 and 65 are not intended to narrow the scope of such claims, respectively.

Claim rejections

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indication that claims 17 and 48 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 31, 51, 57 and 64 to include the same or similar limitations to that of claims 17 and 48 (and any intervening claims); and respectfully submit that these claims are now allowable. All dependent claims are submitted as being allowable because of their dependency on allowable independent claims. For the above reasons, passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

A separate Request for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, with authorization to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1696. Applicants do not believe any other fees are due regarding this amendment. If any other fees are required, however, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-

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1696. Applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone  
Applicants' attorney should any issues remain.

Respectfully Submitted,



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